



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: RUBBER COMPOSITION AND PNEUMATIC TIRE USING SAID RUBBER COMPOSITION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2002. A Petition for a one month extension of time is being concurrently filed, making a response due on or before July 15, 2002 (July 13, 2002 being a Saturday). Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 3, 8 and 13-16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

2 (twice amended). A rubber composition comprising:
a rubber component;

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